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1. I FULLY AGREE WITH AND SUPPORT APPROACH FAVORED BY USNATO
IN REFTEL.

2. IT SEEMS BOTH REASONABLE AND APPARENT THAT OBJECTIONS
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AND CONCERNS REGARDING NATO-SPAIN COOPERATION WILL NOT

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PERSIST INDEFINITELY. ON OTHER HAND EVEN THOUGH FAVORING SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO AS MOST DESIRABLE FORMAT FOR NATO-SPAIN TIE, U.S. OBVIOUSLY, IF RELUCTANTLY, PREPARED LIVE WITH LESSER LEVEL OF NATO-SPAIN COOPERATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SOME FORM OF CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BECOMES ACCEPTABLE TO ALL NATO PARTNERS.

3. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, IT MAKES ONLY LOGICAL SENSE TO MAXIMIZE UTILITY OF ALL AVAILABLE ASSETS COMPATIBLE WITH NATO STRATEGIC REQUIREMENTS. SPANISH COOPERATION WITH NATO SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS LIGHT, RATHER THAN AS STEP TOWARD EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP WHICH, IN ANY CASE, CAN ALWAYS BE BLOCKED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER.
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